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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of May included two more events celebrating the 100th anniversary of West Park. The kick off band concert took place earlier in the month and to the dismay of attendees was performed indoors. On Saturday May 17th, Children's Day was held in the park and featured Victorian games as they were played at the turn of the century. Although turnout was light, in part due to other events in the city the same day, the competitive spirit was intense and the children that participated had a great deal of fun. Even the grownups, including the mayor's wife, could not resist the tug of war when other adults tried to change the outcome by joining in. Local radio station B104 contributed to the festivities by providing an inflated ball shoot, and the West Park Civic Association distributed treats and autographed copies of children's books by author Melissa Bell.

The month of June will include our two biggest events of the year. Art-in-the-Park will be held on Saturday June 21, and our house tour will be the following day, Sunday June 22nd. Please see the calendar of events for more details on both events. I would like to take this opportunity to urge members and friends to contact Peggy Egolf (Art-in-the-Park), 610-434-0657 and Tom Yuracka (House Tour), 610-435-8850 and volunteer to help. Peggy can always use extra hands setting up and taking down screens for the artists and Tom is usually looking for people to help stand watch over rooms in the houses on the tour. I also ask everyone to serve as our ambassadors by spreading the word and encourage people to attend both events.

Glenn C. Neiman

CHEK-MATE

Report all suspicious activity anonymously by becoming a CHEC-mate (Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime) Member. Come to our monthly meeting and ask for a card and/or get a few for your Allentown friends or neighbors. Please don't sit silent and expect others to call the police. Everyone has to take responsibility to report suspicious activity when they see it. We can only begin to clean up Allentown when good people come together and say we will no longer put up with illegal activity.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *President's message*
- *Bandshell Historic Designation update*
- *Things to do*
- *Art-in-the-Park*
- *House Tour*
- *Govt. Loan Program*

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BAND SHELL HISTORICAL UPDATE



So far I believe we have a good case to make the band shell a National Historic Landmark. For one, it is associated with numerous “firsts” in the nation and in the state. For example, the Allentown Civic Band being the first civilian band in the United States, as well as Julian Abele, employed by Horace Trumbauer (architect of the band shell), being the first African American to graduate from the Pennsylvania School of Architecture. He was also the first prominent African American architect.

One of the challenges that the application presents to the applicant is how the structure applies to the wider venue of national history. Here I believe I am going to make the connection to WWI and WWI. The band shell was the site of many patriotic concerts given by the Allentown Band. It upheld a great American patriotic value, which fits the criteria I have to meet.

So far I am still reading up on the architectural style of the band shell and the prominent styles of Julian Abele. It is difficult to prove that Abele actually had his hands in the project. Because of racism at the time, he did not sign his name to most of his designs. I also have to consider that usually architects would sign the name of their employer instead of their own. I am going to try to go from the angle that the band shell was built in Julian Abele’s particular style. I also am getting in touch with contacts at Penn and other college archives that keep records of his projects.

I am not quite prepared to begin the writing process yet and am still gathering up enough evidence so that we can present a well backed, heavily researched application. If anyone has any ideas or resources please bring them forward!

Jennifer Febbo

WE MEET THE
FIRST TUESDAY
OF EACH
MONTH
7:00 PM
CHURCH OF THE
MEDIATOR

JOIN US!

Art-in-the-Park Celebrates 34th Year on June 21st

Art-in-the-Park will celebrate it’s 34th annual Art Show on **Saturday, June 21st at West Park 10AM-5PM** The **Allentown Band** will perform at **1:30PM** and the **Repertory Dance Theatre** will perform at **3:30PM** at our beautiful, newly painted Victorian bandshell.

There are several ways that you can help. We welcome anyone who is willing to set up or tear down the day of the show, be gate sitters handing out programs, or helping to man our information table at the fountain. If you are interested, please call **Peggy Egolf 610-434-0657**. You can also help by being a sponsor of the Art Show...we appreciate any amount \$10, \$25 +++. We are also selling ad space in the program...business card (3.5”x2.5”)-\$10, half page (3.75”x4.25”)-\$15, or full page (7.5”x4.5”)-\$30. All ads must be camera ready. Sponsor and ad deadline is June 12, 2008 ...please make checks payable to **Art-in-the-Park** and send to **Art-in-the-Park, 1640 W. Turner St., Allentown, PA 18102**.

JUNE/JULY 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 21st

The 34th Annual Art-in-the-Park

Art-in-the-Park 10:00am to 5:00pm, Original works by leading artists, West Park, 16th and Turner Sts., Allentown. Entertainment provided by The Allentown Band 1:30pm and The Repertory Dance Theatre 3:30pm. For information call Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657 or send email inquiries to: peggy.egolf@verizon.net.

Enjoy the original works by over 80 local and regional artists at the serene setting of West Park. Also enjoy a concert by The Allentown Band and performances by the Repertory Dance Theatre.

Sunday, June 22nd

West Park House Tour

West Park Historic District House Tour 1:00pm to 5:00pm, West Park neighborhood community. Advanced tickets: \$12.00, Day of Tour: \$15.00 For more information call Thomas Yuracka at 610-435-8850 or send email inquiries to: gneimanwpca@yahoo.com

Once again residents of the Historic West Park District of Allentown will open their homes to share the architectural designs of the period and how they have been enhanced with personal decorating techniques. For more detailed information on the tour and advanced ticket sales, check the West Park Civic Association website at www.westpark-ca.org for postings as they become available.

Saturday, July 12th

The Gardens of West Park

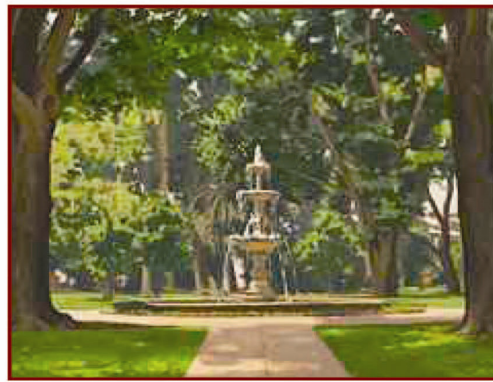
The Gardens of West Park 10:00am, A Presentation by Scott Rothenberger West Park, 16th and Turner Sts., Allentown, For information call 610-435-8850 or send email inquiries to: gneimanwpca@yahoo.com

Join Scott Rothenberger, award winning landscape designer, and designer of new West Park gardens, for a Power-Point presentation on garden design, to be presented at the Church of the Mediator, 1620 Turner St., followed by a walking tour and lecture on the newly replanted gardens in the park. Don't miss this opportunity to learn the concepts that go behind good design and how this knowledge was applied in West Park and how it can be used in your own landscape.



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WESTPARK-
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OUR FULL
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

West Park Historic District House Tour



Sunday, June 22 • 1 pm-5pm

Allentown Ticket Locations:

The Good-Buy Girls
1752 W. Allen St.

C. Leslie Smith
Village West Shopping Center

Phoebe Floral Shop
2102 W. Hamilton St.

Lehigh Valley Visitor Center
840 Hamilton St.

Lehigh County Heritage Museum
432 W. Walnut St.

Walter's Pharmacy
401 N. 17th St.

Episcopal Church of the Mediator
1620 W. Turner St.

(Available Day of Tour Only)

Tickets: \$10 Advance • \$12 Day of Tour

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Art-in-the-Park
Saturday, June 21, 2008
10AM-5PM

ORIGINAL WORKS BY LEADING ARTISTS

Allentown's West Park
15th & 16th Sts.

between Linden and Turner

1:30pm Allentown Band Concert

3:30pm Repertory Dance Theatre

Free!

(donations welcomed)

For more information call

610-434-0657 or

www.westpark-ca.org

**Celebrating our 34th Art Show &
The 100th Anniversary of West Park**



WEST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

OF ALLENTOWN, INC.

The West Park civic Association (WPCA) exists to preserve, protect, enhance and promote West Park and its surrounding neighborhood area. WPCA advocates prevention of park and neighborhood blight and deterioration, enforcement of laws and ordinances within the area and park and neighborhood safety and beautification. WPCA encourages harmonious human relations among the residents of the West Park Neighborhood. Please consider joining WPCA, as we can be a stronger organization with your help

West Park Civic Association Membership Application

Dues: WPCA dues are due and payable by the calendar year, January – December
\$10.00 per Household Membership
\$5.00 per Senior Citizen or Single Membership

name: _____

address: _____

telephone: _____ **email:** _____

date: _____ **new member:** _____ **renewal:** _____

Dues must accompany membership form. Mail to:
Nancy Jensen, 1642 Turner St., Allentown, PA 18102
If you have any questions, please call 610-428-7736

As a member of the WPCA, and in order to further the above stated goals of the association, I would be interested in helping with the following:

Art in the Park	Crime Watch	Membership
Board of Directors	Historic District & Preservation	Newsletter
Clean 'N Green	Hospitality Welcome	Special Programs & Children Events
Code Enforcement & Zoning	House Tour	Website

KEYSTONE RENOVATE & REPAIR LOAN PROGRAM

The renovate and repair loan program offers guidance and financing to help you improve and maintain your home. It is provided to you through a collaboration between PHFA and local housing organizations across Pennsylvania.



R & R Benefits

- Help with assessing repairs and how much those repairs should cost
- Help finding qualified and reputable contractors
- 10, 15, or 20 year fixed programs
- Borrow up to \$35,000 or 120% of the homes value
- PHFA fully services the loan
- No prepayment penalty

R & R Borrower Requirements

- Currently own the home or be in the process of purchasing it
- Household income within program limitations
- Satisfactory credit (typically 620+)
- Adequate income to support monthly loan payments
- Interest in repairing and improving their primary residence

Visit our website or call PHFA to learn more!

www.phfa.org 1.800.822.1174

Edward G. Rendell, Governor - Brian A. Hudson Exec. Director

Local contact: City of Allentown...HUE TRAN...610-437-7696

IF WE DON'T
ALREADY HAVE
YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS, WHY
NOT SEND IT TO
NANCY SO WE
CAN KEEP YOU
INFORMED?

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Periodically we send emails to WPCA members to announce upcoming events, important meetings or Crime Watch information concerning our neighborhood. We never send junk mail, just timely neighborhood information. If you haven't updated your address, please send an email to Nancy Jensen at nsjensen@rcn.com.

2007 West Park Civic Association Contact Information

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Clean & Green	Harry Crapser	610 434 3995	
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If you are interested in advertising items or services for sale in the WPCA newsletter, please contact Tom Yuracka at 610-435-8850 or gneimanwpc@yaho.com. Advertising space can be purchased for a small fee. The proceeds will be used to help defray the costs of publishing and mailing our newsletter.

“Post card and T-Shirt Sales”

West park vintage post card reproductions and West Park logo T-shirts are available for purchase at any time. If you are interested in making a purchase, please call Tom Yuracka at 610-435-8850 or Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

POLICE – FIRE - AMBULANCE	911
POLICE – NON - EMERGENCY	610-437-7751
PARKING AUTHORITY	610-437-7751
ZONING OFFICE	610-437-7630
FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS	610-437-7758
RECYCLING / GRAFFITI REMOVAL	610-437-8729
MAYOR PAWLOWSKI	610-437-7546
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD	610-437-7613
SNOW CONTROL - STREETS	610-437-7669
ANIMAL CONTROL	610-437-7535